

Diagnosis of a new species of *Procavia*, by OLDFIELD THOMAS, Natural History Museum, London.

***Procavia pallida*, sp. n.**

Size small. Diastemata of upper and lower jaws less than in any other known species, only about 5 mm. above, and practically *nil* below. Teeth very large and heavy in proportion to the size of the animal. Zygomatic ridge of squamosal running backwards to the extreme hinder edge of the skull.

Fur very short and crisp. General colour pale sandy grizzled fawn, much paler than in any other known species (except the very different *P. emini*). Belly and dorsal spot pale yellowish white.

Dimensions of the skull of the type, an adult female: — Length (occiput to premaxillae) 80 mm.; greatest breadth 45; length of upper molar series 37.

Hab. Hekebo plateau, N. Somali land (Menges).

This well marked species belongs to the group of which *P. syriaca* is a member, with large teeth, separate interparietals, and yellow or whitish dorsal spots, but its small size, pale colour, and minute diastemata readily distinguish it from any of the known species.
